

they will be both farmers and nonfarmers who have been besieging this Legislature to enact legislation will wonder why in the world we are messing around with their water. I would like to just suggest that those individuals who stand ready, willing and able to advise private industry, private business how to solve the water problem should also be just as willing to recommend to the Congress, because the Congress is going to tell us from time to time as we have told our constituents, that we did not give them direction. We are not telling them to spend money foolishly. We are not telling them to inadvisedly spend a third of a billion dollars, whatever the amount of money is. We are telling them that this project should be looked at in its entirety. It should be looked at in relation to its impact upon all of the people in the State of Nebraska and of the midwest. We have been told time and again that it is our water that we are talking about. The water may lie underneath my farm, it may be in my gravel underneath my farm. It may not transfer to my neighbor's farm but someone says it is our water. Well, it is our water that is coming down the river, then, and it is our water we should be concerned with, because if we are not concerned with it, by the time it gets down to Omaha, Nebraska, there may not be water there or there may be too much of it. We have spent considerable amounts of money at various times to protect those areas and we should look upon it as a protection for the entire State of Nebraska. I would hope that the time will come when we can harness more of the water and utilize it more effectively and not allow sixteen, eighteen, twenty billion cubic feet per second to go by the South Omaha bridge. This may not be the solution but it is one suggestion and certainly when you divide that \$344 million among a million and a half Nebraskans plus all the other people who will be impacted by it, it may be a part of the solution. The answer does not lie in one project but the question that must be raised is how serious are we about solving the problem. I suggest that we are not as serious as we have said we were time after time. It is easier to shut off one man's well, one city's water supply, than it is the entire State of Nebraska and it is easier, I would suggest, for the Congress to say, no, to those western states which did not support the administration than it is to say, no, to the City of New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Baltimore, et cetera. But without that water supply, those cities will eventually be in serious trouble. I think they recognize that. I think they recognize the necessity for the full utilization of the resources of this great country of ours and I would hope that we would proceed as businesslike as possible in that direction.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, I have a question of Senator DeCamp. I would like to know, specifically, what the cost benefit ratio as shown in the existing study is right now in this project?

PRESIDENT: Wait, the Chair is going to rule that question, I am sorry, I should have stopped Senator Schmit, but we are getting far afield from the question as to whether or not this resolution should go to committee. Now the substance of the resolution must be touched on when you discuss it but we are going into the details of it.